REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2002, Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,845,282 ("Alley et al.") further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,452 ("Nishino").

Applicants appreciate the telephone conference with the Examiner on September 27, 2002 regarding the Final Office Action, even though no agreement was reached.

In this reply, Claims 1, 8 and 11 are amended. Without conceding to every ground of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection detailed in the Office Action, and without conceding that the combination of Alley et al. and Nishimo is proper, it is submitted that pending Claims 1-15 are not obvious over Alley et al. and Nishimo. Alley et al. appears to disclose translating and transferring data files from a desktop computer to a pen-based computer. Nishimo appears to disclose a mobile phone accessing a base station to determine a local access point for a dial-up connection to the Internet. Nowhere in Alley et al., is there a suggestion that its PC can serve as a common server storing a copy of data shared by multiple devices, including incompatible devices.

Specifically, with regard to Claims 1-10, it is submitted that Alley et al. and Nishimo do not disclose or suggest every element claimed in independent Claims 1 and 8. For example, neither Alley et al. nor Nishimo suggests, discloses, or teaches uploading data from a device to a common server where common data used by multiple devices may be updated

so that the next time another device connects to the common server, the updated data can be downloaded to that device.

With regard to Claims 11-15, it is submitted that Alley et al. and Nishimo in combination do not disclose, suggest or teach, inter alia, "associating the data with a particular user" and "determining a format required by the particular user." Associating the data with a particular user and determining a format required by that particular user, for example, allows the server to provide automatic sharing of data among different combinations of mobile devices. Nowhere in Alley et al., is such method suggested. As discussed above, Alley et al. discloses downloading data from a PC to a PDA. Modifying Alley et al. to have a separate intermediate server, as the Office Action suggests, still would not render Alley et al. as disclosing or suggesting every element claimed in independent Claim 11.

Accordingly, it is submitted that Claims 1-15 are patentable for at least the foregoing reasons.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment according to 37 C.F. R. §1.121. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

Applicants believe that Claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this communication or feels that an interview would be helpful

in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 8 and 11 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of transferring information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising

uploading information from a first apparatus to a server (106), the information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and the server accessible by a second apparatus;

determining whether the information is more recent than a copy of the information stored on the server;

updating the copy of the information with the uploaded information, if it is determined that the uploaded information is more recent;

manipulating the information at the server; and

downloading the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus,

wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered and updated into the second database for use by an application in the second apparatus requiring a predetermined data format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

8. (Twice Amended) A method of providing a service for enabling to transfer information in a first database (108) of a first electronic apparatus (102) to a second apparatus (104), comprising:

enabling to upload information from a first apparatus to a server (106), the information stored in a first database of the first apparatus for use in the first apparatus, and the server accessible by a second apparatus;

enabling to determine whether the information is more recent than a copy of the information stored on the server;

updating the copy of the information with the uploaded information, if it is determined that the uploaded information is more recent;

enabling to manipulate the information at the server; and

enabling to download the manipulated information from the server to the second apparatus for storage in a second database (124) of the second apparatus for use in the second apparatus,

wherein the manipulated information can be automatically entered and updated into the second database for use by an application requiring a predetermined data format regardless of communication compatibility between the first apparatus and the second apparatus.

11. (Once Amended) A method for transferring data in a database of a first mobile terminal to a second mobile terminal, comprising:

providing a common server accessible to a first mobile terminal and a second mobile terminal, the first mobile terminal having at least a first application and associated first

database for use in the first mobile terminal, and the second mobile terminal having at least a second application and associated second database for use in the second mobile terminal;

uploading data from the first application's first database to the common server;

associating the data with a particular user;

determining a format required by the particular user;

converting the uploaded data to conform to the format [a use of the second application and associated second database];

downloading the converted data automatically into the second database for use by the second application.